

NOTES OF A WINTER RIDE ACROSS THE GREEN MOUNTAINS.

BREAD LOAF INN, Ripton, Vt., Dec. 8, 1886.

Editor Register:—This is a substantial inn upon farming lands of the Green Mountains and about 1600 feet above the sea. I came here this afternoon of a mild winter's day, when the heavens seemed to be considering what they would do, have a freeze or a thaw. The question still remains undecided. There has been a cold spell, with plenty of snow. The cold came last Friday and went away today. The snow came before and remains yet, spread over the whole country; not over thick—from a foot to a foot and a half. It is almost level, with just the commencing of drifts on the roadsides. The sweet gray of the mountains threw their shadows over the snow as we ascended to the table-lands. The bells jingled merrily—an extra fine pair of the best city manufacture, that matched almost perfectly with a superb team of Morgan horses that we drove. A daintily-turned Gould Albany cutter, with large, elegant wolf robes, completed our outfit. Tomorrow we intend to penetrate the higher range of mountains with the long valleys that lie beyond. With reasonable rapidity, and far more pleasantly than by cars, does one travel over the country by team, and the cold of winter, to those warmly clad, will scarcely impede progress. Then hurrah for a northern winter and hurrah for a northern ride!

GAYSVILLE, Thursday evening.

We did not leave Bread Loaf Inn until after dinner. The backbone of the mountain system of Vermont we passed over at a height of 2200 feet above the sea, and by a glen, through which one of the branches of the White River flowed, came to Hancock, nine miles. From Hancock we followed down the White River to this place, 15 miles. We passed through the classic village of Rochester, classic in its repose and in its beauty, and the less so of Stockbridge. It is a ride we have often taken when fields and woodlands were green; now it was one long view of extended white. Either by winter or summer it is an exquisite view. Many a home is passed in the valley or seen upon the hillside, and all are tidily kept and prettily located. You can't go amiss when a country is so clean as this. The murmuring brook, the fertile valley, the beseeching hillside appear everywhere, and above them heaven's eternal dome, filled with light or filled with darkness. Vermont is most thrifty, a pastoral country, and you doubt if upon earth there is any to excel it in the beauty of its landscape or the character of its inhabitants. At Rochester we made a call upon Dr. Huntington, one of the most worthy and most eminent of Vermont physicians; and also saw Gen. Cushman, a substantial representative of Vermont brains and character. Dr. Huntington showed us over his newly-repaired house and then took us to the barn to see an elegant Morgan mare, descended from the Gifford Morgan, with Black Hawk outcross.

The sleighing all the way was most excellent, as good, perhaps, as it could possibly be, with the exception of a bit under the mountain at Hancock swept by the fiercest mountain winds. Here the snow was packed so hard as to obliterate the road, and make it quite difficult to pass. As a rule yet over the country there is not snow enough to make drifts, or to interfere in turning out.

Before we reached Gaysville night once more began to saunter around the recesses of the woods as though it were seeking where it could best make its bed. The days now are so short that the nights seem to come on in them. The full moon appeared to the east above a high mountain. The lingering day slowly faded before it, and now the bright moonlight rests upon the now in complete triumph.

EAGLE HOTEL, Woodstock, Dec. 10.

This hotel is filled with lawyers, court being now in session. The hotel itself is old but very well kept. At about 8 a. m. we left Gaysville; thermometer at 12 above. The sun had not yet risen at this village, although it glided the distant hills. As we drove into the shadow the air felt cool and crisp, in unison with the trickling of the water against the river's ice. Along the roadside each thing was gloved with frost. Three miles brought us to the Locust Creek House, and here we leave the valley of the White River to cross over by Barnard Pond to Woodstock, a distance of 15 miles. Woodstock is one of the larger of Vermont villages, and one of the prettiest of them. It lies low in the valley of the Ottauquechee river surrounded with lofty hills. This is the character of a large share of the villages of eastern Vermont; occasionally one like Randolph Centre is built upon a hill where it shows from every mountain crest, almost the sole city on this plain of hills.

It is another beautiful moonlight night. The young folks are undoubtedly enjoying it through all Vermont villages. Last night we counted 20 skating on the river at Gaysville, the girls apparently as expert as the boys.

BRANDON HOUSE, Brandon, Vt., Dec. 12.

Over the mountain. We have left the lovely valleys that intersect each other so variously but continuously in Eastern Vermont. The last one at Sherburne we followed up 18 miles from Woodstock, altering and turning, but without any hill, and where we left it it branched off widely towards the north; mountains 2000 feet high at least on each side of it. They told us it continued nine miles to Pittsfield, forming a watershed, but not much of a hill. I remember at Pittsfield another fine valley that runs down beautifully to Gaysville. This network of valleys extends hundreds of miles in Eastern Vermont, possessing perhaps the loveliest driving ground, and with the best roads, in America. From Woodstock we passed through Bridgewater, a town that looks some like a Pennsylvania one. Sherburne has quite an insignificant hamlet at a point where the road starts to cross the highest range of mountains to Rutland. Here is a farm-house inn, standing just beyond the junction of the Rutland road and at the entrance to the new valley towards Pittsfield. Up the valley a ways a fine large farm-house shows with all the surroundings of a first-class farm. The house was very neat and gave us a good meal. A young housewife kept it with a Yankee girl to assist, who lived, she said, over the lofty mountain at the east three miles, but it took her 15 to get around it by road. At the inn was also the village post-office. Rising from the little village of Sherburne the road presents a panoramic scene to the north quite unique and of much beauty. It is of a circular valley of large size, enclosed by three mountains. In four miles we reached the height of land, about 2000 feet above the sea. A long line of road through the woods, and then through one of the most forbidding farming

towns that we have ever passed through in Vermont, brought us to the bright cluster of homes in Mendon at the foot of the mountain and near to Rutland. In the midst of what would otherwise be a barren plain the city of Rutland rises like some second Nineveh. As we struck its streets both our horses seemed to recognize that it was a leading place and sprang into the liveliest gait of the trip. Faster and faster they flew with the merry jingle of bells and the swift gleam of the cutter; with steady rein they dashed around the corners, descended the hill and showed a lead that any one might well follow when they approached the hotel. It was a flying gait that but few teams could rival. It was the Lambert of it, and as good as at least as a 30 clip.

To-day the clouds are spread across the mountains in thick layers, so thick that we could not see them, not a mile off. We passed through the very pretty village of Pittsford to this still larger and handsomer one of Brandon. A Vermont might well be proud of every village we have entered in this drive of 125 miles. Let us then make what is fine, finer; what is handsome better, and remembering the beauty of our heritage, adorn and improve it, until there can be nowhere in the world a fairer land or a happier people. J. B.

POST RUSSEL'S CAMPFIRE.

The campfire held by Russel post, G. A. R., at the town hall on Friday evening was not so well attended as could have been wished. Those who were present were agreeably entertained. Gov. Ormsbee spoke for a few minutes and was followed by Col. C. H. Joyce of Rutland, who discoursed at some length on things military, especially of Fitz-John Porter and McClellan. The supper was first-class and everything went off pleasantly. The only drawback was the slim attendance, which caused Gov. Ormsbee to say, in the course of his remarks: "Considering the objects of the Grand Army, the lack of interest indicated by the small attendance to-night is something not easily understood—at least not easy for me to understand." The post will net about \$15 from the entertainment.

At a regular meeting of the post on Wednesday evening these resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the post are hereby tendered His Excellency Gov. Ormsbee and Hon. Charles H. Joyce for their kindness in responding to the invitation of this post to attend and address the audience at our late campfire.

Resolved, That the thanks of this post be extended to Gov. Hammond and others for their kindness and liberal assistance.

Resolved, That the thanks of this post be extended to the Misses A. P. Barney, J. T. Tracy and Jennie T. Williamson, who, by their very interesting vocal and instrumental music.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the MIDDLEBURY REGISTER for publication.

ADDISON COUNTY COURT.

It is announced that the county court, which has been in session here since the 14th inst., will take a recess, today or tomorrow, till Monday, Jan. 3, in order that the holidays may be duly observed.

The arguments in the malpractice case of Bain against Cushman, which was on trial when our last report closed, were finished on Friday morning. The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, awarding him \$275 damages and costs. Exceptions were taken and the case will go to the supreme court.

Friday afternoon the case of Wesley E. Howard against L. C. Bean and others was called. The parties all live in Ripton. The plaintiff, Howard, and Orin Danforth, another resident of Ripton, replevined cattle from the defendants and a short time afterward one of the animals was found dead in the pasture, the indications being that it had been poisoned. The putting-in of the evidence and the opening arguments of counsel occupied the time till Saturday noon, when a recess was taken till Monday noon. Then the arguments were completed. On the afternoon of that day the jury, which had been in once for instructions, returned a verdict for the plaintiffs, that the cattle should be restored to them and that they should receive \$1 damages and costs. Messrs. Eldredge & Slade appeared for the plaintiffs and Messrs. Tupper & Bliss for the defendants.

Monday afternoon State's Attorney Wilds had the floor and criminal business was attended to. State against C. S. Albee of Ripton, charged with dealing in liquor, was set for trial. Three dog cases, State against H. C. Powers, same against G. R. Brown and same against Lewis Gonyea, were disposed of by the forfeiture of the bail, which was chancered to \$20 in each case.

George Bollo pleaded guilty to an information charging him with having made an assault on a Mr. Webb of Monkton in August last. He was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction at Rutland. It was a rather aggravated case, Mr. Webb being over 90 years of age and receiving pretty hard treatment at Bollo's hands.

The next case, that of State against Lewis Gordon, was tried. It was shown in evidence that on the night of the 16th of June last the respondent stole a pair of harnesses from Cyrillo Taylor of Addison, that he took them to Winooski and hold them to one Lawrence, a liverman. Both Mr. Lawrence and Lemuel B. Platt, a Winooski merchant who was a witness to agreements between Lawrence and the respondent, positively identified him. The defence attempted to prove an alibi; but the jury thought the State made out its case and brought in a verdict of guilty. Sentence has not yet been pronounced. Jesse Stearns Esq., opened the arguments for the State, Tuesday morning, and was followed by F. W. Smith, Esq., of Vergennes and James M. Slade, Esq., for the defense. State's Attorney Wilds closing for the prosecution. These proceedings took up nearly all day.

Edward Rafferty, an aged citizen of

Leicester, was brought in to answer to an information charging that he refused to obey a subpoena to appear before the grand jury at the last June term. He was wanted, doubtless, to tell what he knew of the liquor traffic at the Junction, which was thoroughly investigated at that time. He pleaded guilty and received the lightest sentence the law allows, \$10 and costs or its equivalent in the House of Correction.

The matter of the New Haven highway was discussed during the day and disposed of, as is stated elsewhere.

Wednesday morning was begun the trial of State against James W. Mitchell. The respondent is a young man formerly employed by Postmaster Peck in his grist-mill here, and is well known to many in town and vicinity. He is indicted for burglary. It is claimed by the prosecution that on the night of September 3, 1885, Mitchell and two others, named Barry and Naylor, entered the saloon of John W. Jackson, in Vergennes, and stole cigars and plug tobacco. Barry was found guilty on trial and fined \$100. Naylor had his trial at the December term, a year ago, and was sentenced to the House of Correction, from which he was pardoned. At that time Mitchell forfeited his bond, but on the 25th of last month was arrested at Lowell, Mass., and brought back. The defence is that the respondent had been in the employ of Jackson and was allowed to enter the saloon when he liked. The arguments were begun yesterday morning by Mr. Stearns, followed by Mr. Slade and Hon. Henry Ballard of Burlington for the defence, State's Attorney Wilds closing for the State. The prospect at noon yesterday was that the whole day would be required to get the case to the jury.

The cases against Robert Steel, for breach of the peace, and same against Henry Wissell, for liquor selling, have been set for trial. State against Morseman, the Salisbury stabbing case, will not be tried this term. State against Flint is likely to come on the first thing after the holiday recess.

SOCIETIES FOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The various Young People's societies for Christian Endeavor of the State held their first annual meeting in Burlington, last week, when a State society was formed, with these officers: President, C. H. Perkins of the University of Vermont; vice presidents, the Rev. J. L. Sewall of Milton, the Rev. S. I. Briant of Hartford, W. R. Page of Rutland; secretary and treasurer, John P. Storrs of Burlington. During the meetings, which were well attended, Rev. Dr. Hawes of Burlington, the Rev. J. A. McCall of St. Albans, the Rev. S. I. Briant of Hartford, the Rev. A. A. Robertson of Vergennes, the Rev. E. P. Gould, the Rev. C. E. Carter and the Rev. F. J. Parry of Burlington made addresses, and at the closing session G. M. Ward, United States secretary of the Y. P. S. C. E., spoke on the work of committees, and Rev. E. E. Clark of South Boston, founder of the society, delivered an address on the condition of the society throughout the country.

The Markets.

VERMONT PRODUCE.
At Vergennes, Saturday, butter sold at 14 ¢ 22 ¢; for selections, eggs, 20 ¢ 25 ¢; chickens 9 ¢ 11 ¢; potatoes, 30 ¢ 35 ¢; bush; beans, \$1 ¢ 1.25 ¢; beef, 4 ¢ 5 ¢; pork, 1 ¢ 3 ¢.

BOSTON PRODUCE.
Butter continues in good demand and prices are sustained. We quote extra Northern and Eastern creamery at 24 ¢ 25 ¢; Northern dairy at 20 ¢ 22 ¢; and lard packed at 12 ¢ 25 ¢. Cheese continues firm and the demand is quite good with sales of New York and Vermont extra at 13 ¢ 15 ¢; and sales at 14 ¢ 16 ¢. Eggs are in good demand and steady and we quote extra Eastern at 26 ¢. Beans are in fair demand and we note sales of choice hand-picked Vermont at \$1.25 ¢ \$1.50 ¢. Potatoes are steady and sales of those have been at 50 ¢ 60 ¢. Hebrews at 55 ¢ 65 ¢. Potatoes at 50 ¢ 60 ¢. Evaporated dried apples are in fair demand and firmer with sales at 8 ¢ 12 ¢ as to quality. Green apples are in demand, and choice Baldwins are firmer at \$2.50 ¢ \$2.50 ¢. Poultry is in better demand, but prices have not improved. Sales of choice turkeys have been at 12 ¢ 15 ¢; and chickens at 11 ¢ 12 ¢.

BOSTON WOOL.
The market is steady for all kinds of desirable domestic wools and the demand is fair. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces have been sold at 30 ¢ 35 ¢ for No. 1, 35 ¢ 40 ¢ for No. 2, and above, and 37 ¢ 38 ¢ for No. 1. Michigan fleeces are in strong hands and held at 32 ¢ 35 ¢ for No. 1, and 30 ¢ 32 ¢ for No. 2. Territory wool is in demand at lower prices, and we note sales of medium at 25 ¢ 26 ¢, and fine at 19 ¢ 21 ¢. Fall Texas wool has sold at 20 ¢ 22 ¢.

WATERTOWN LIVE STOCK.

Amount of Live Stock at Market.
Cattle, Sheep and Lambs swine
This week, 1006 3205 22,031
Last week, 1209 2210 19,567
Two weeks ago, 901 494 16,111
Year ago, Dec. 22 '85 2470 11,885

Number from the several States.
Sheep and Horses
Cattle, Lambs, Calves, & swine.
Maine, 262 552 75
New Hampshire, 48 254 50
Vermont, 150 396 94
Massachusetts, 28 100 10
New York, 134 735 1
Western, 380 21,900
Canada, 280
Total, 1006 3205 22,031

Prices of Market Beef—A few choice \$7.00 ¢ \$7.50; extra \$6.75; first quality \$6.00 ¢ \$6.50; second quality \$5.00 ¢ \$5.50; third quality \$4.00 ¢ \$4.50.
Prices of Store Cattle—Working oxen \$4.00 ¢ \$4.50; Farrow Cows \$15 ¢ \$20; Fat Cows \$20 ¢ \$25; yearlings \$8.50 ¢ \$10; two years old \$14 ¢ \$25; three years old \$24 ¢ \$40.
Swine—Western live fat 4 ¢ 4 1/2 ¢; Northern dressed hogs 5 ¢ 5 1/2 ¢.
Prices of Sheep and Lambs—In lots, \$2.50 ¢ \$3.00; extra \$3.75 ¢ \$4.25; or from 2 ¢ 4 ¢ 5 ¢; spring lambs, 4 1/2 ¢ 5 ¢; Veal Calves 2 1/2 ¢ 7 ¢.

STATE OF VERMONT.

Addison County, ss.

The probate court for the district of Addison.
To all persons interested in the estate of Edmund Harvey, late of Ripton, in said District, deceased, I do hereby give notice, that by the authority of the State of Vermont, you are hereby notified to appear before the said Probate Court, at the Probate Office in Middlebury, in said District, on the 17th day of January, A. D. 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any you have, why the account of H. R. Ripley, administrator of the estate of said deceased should not be allowed, and also why the residue of said estate should not be distributed to the parties entitled thereto. Dated at Middlebury, in said District, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1886.
LYMAN E. KNAPP, Judge.

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Annual Meeting.

The National Bank of Middlebury.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank, for the election of directors to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking house on Tuesday, January 11, 1887, at two o'clock p. m.

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Addison County Finances.

REPORT OF INCOME, EXPENSES, PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE COUNTY OF ADDISON FOR YEAR ENDING NOV. 30, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury Dec. 1, 1885, \$ 8 04

Received unpaid taxes for 1885, 119 29

on tax list for 1886, 1150 38

State auditor, peddlers' licenses, 40 50

Stewart & Wilds, office rent, 10 20

..... \$1484 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on outstanding orders and interest, 649 22

rent probate office, Vergennes, 128 00

insurance on jail, 15 00

repairs and furnishing court house, 200 50

repairs and furnishing jail, 239 97

for newspaper files and binding, 16 46

commissions on disbursements, 32 22

balance in treasury per report, 171 34

..... \$1484 47

ASSETS DECEMBER 1, 1886.

Cash in treasury, 171 34

Due and unpaid taxes, 1886, 18 53

..... 159 87

LIABILITIES.

Order outstanding and unpaid, No. 10, Dec. Term, 1886, balance due Sept. 1, 1886, \$300 00

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	Massachusetts New Business, 1885.	Mutual Life.
New York Life, \$4,735,821	Equitable, \$3,185,350	\$2,401,600
New York Life, \$2,881,603	Equitable, \$4,272,271	\$5,037,100
New York Life, \$96,716,230	Equitable, \$52,698,036	\$101,488,015
New York Life, \$6,075,433	Equitable, \$4,354,858	\$9,943,764
New York Life, \$2,091,072	Equitable, \$403,051	\$911,339

GAIN IN SURPLUS OF OTHER COMPANIES.
All Massachusetts companies, \$393,815
Northwestern, \$394,706
22nd Life, 240,724
Penn Mutual, 150,375
Connecticut Mutual, 92,482
Travelers, 165,975
Mutual Benefit, 27,506
Total gain in surplus of (12) other companies, \$1,000,306
National Vermont, 34,923

any company, that it has the lowest mortality, the largest relative surplus above all liabilities, also the largest gain in surplus. Inasmuch as dividends can only be paid from surplus, those who contemplate insuring their lives can readily discover where to secure the most profitable insurance. Note also that the gain in surplus of the New York Life alone, during 1885, exceeds by over seven hundred thousand dollars the combined gain of the twelve other companies named.

The total new business of the five regular Massachusetts companies within the State during 1885, was \$6,138,744. It will be noted that the business of the New York Life was more than three-fourths the entire business of the Massachusetts companies within their own State. The gross new business for 1885, of the five Massachusetts companies named, was \$7,778 policies, insuring \$24,896,620. The gross new business of the New York Life for 1885, was \$5,566 policies, insuring \$16,321,452; or nearly three times as much as the entire new business of said five companies.

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